

**STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-40 are pending in the Application.

Claims 1-40 are rejected by the Examiner.

Claims 1-40 are presently in front of the Appeals Board.

Reconsideration of the present Appeals Brief is respectfully requested.

**REMARKS****Appeal Brief**

The Examiner has requested that Applicant specifically reference the individual elements of Claim 14 and to add Appendices for Related Proceedings and Evidence. Therefore, Applicant has amended the Appeal Brief previously submitted on March 24, 2005 and submits herewith an amended version of said Appeal Brief complying with the Examiner's requests.

**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in light of the reasons set forth herein, and a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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